

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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10 AUGUST 1962

~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Berlin

a. The Communists may be planning an affair in Berlin for Monday--the anniversary of the Wall.

b. We have noted that activities of East German military and para-military elements in and around Berlin late last week bore some of the earmarks of a rehearsal--for precisely what we haven't been able to tell. It may, of course, have been only to ensure a quick reaction to any demonstrations. 50X1

d. While we still doubt that Khrushchev has yet decided to proceed unilaterally to a treaty, he may use the 13 August anniversary as an occasion for a major gesture, possibly even some call for a conference on a treaty.

e. The West German press is extremely suspicious of General Yakubovsky's visit to Heidelberg and warns that he may have been softening up the US for some new move such as barring the Western Allies from East Berlin.

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2. Indonesia

b. Djakarta hopes to bring in as many people as possible before signing with the Dutch, with the idea they would be used by the UN in administering the area.

c. We have no word on any success Jones may have had in warning Subandrio against such actions.

d. Six Soviet-manned submarines were among a group of ten recalled from 50X1 an operation in the West New Guinea area on 4 August.

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3. Haiti

a. We have no word yet on an eruption of violence, although it is looming.

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c. Duvalier, who holds the army's main ammunition stores in his palace, has reportedly ordered his strong-arm squads to concentrate in Port-au-Prince, presumably for a showdown with the regulars.

NOTES

- A. The Argentine Army crisis appears to have simmered down, with the naming of a new Secretary of the Army satisfactory to the generals expected soon. Ambassador McClintock is not sure, however, that what seems to have been a coup restricted to Army circles might not yet broaden into one directed against President Guido himself.
- B. Ambassador Mann in Mexico City is sounding the alarm over his continued belief that Mexico is preparing a legal case over the Colorado River salinity problem. He feels the US must come up promptly with a solution to this "Number One problem in US-Mexican relations."

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- D. Souvanna Phouma has proceeded far enough in learning the financial facts of Laotian life to tell Ambassador Unger that an August cash grant from the US will probably be required as an "emergency stopgap."
- E. A Warsaw Pact conference or planning session could be brewing. On Wednesday the Czech Defense Minister flew to Moscow in a Soviet Air Force plane. The Bulgarian Defense Minister has been in the USSR for a week.

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immediate Soviet space intentions are to orbit a cosmonaut for up to seven days and to launch a Venus probe.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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